been asked to submit its report in 3 months. Further action will be considered after the Committee submits its report.

Preparations for Afro-Asian and Olympic Games

†2510. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state the present status of preparations for Olympic and Afro-Asian games?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): The preparation for major multi-disciplinary events, Olympic Games and Afro-Asian Games, is an on-going process. However, in the present sports management set up—at the international, as well as, the national level-promotion of sports, largely, falls in the domain of the Sports Federations.

Insofar as Government of India is concerned, in order to prepare the Indian teams for participation in major international events, such as, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, Afro-Asian Games and Olympic Games, Long Term Development Plans (LTDP) are finalized in consultation with concerned National Sports Federations, former-international sportspersons and training method experts. Besides, the probables are provided with required scientific and equipment support, coaching by Indian and foreign coaches in Coaching Camps and assistance to participate in international tournaments.

Under the Scheme of Assistance to Promising Sportspersons and supporting personnel, assistance is provided to promising sportspersons for training and participation in tournaments abroad, for purchase of equipment for scientific support and for training and participation in tournaments in the country. The assistance given under this scheme is aimed at winning medals in major multi-disciplinary events.

Adolescent population in India

2511. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the WHO reports, the country has around 260 million adolescents, which is 23 per cent of the population;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether a National Policy has been formulated or is proposed to be formulated, to transform them into an asset; if so, what are its salient features; and

(c) the details of agencies engaged or proposed to be engaged for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) According to the Planning Commission's population projections as on 1.3.2000, adolescents in the age group of 10-19 years account for 22.8% of the country's population (about 230 million).

(b) and (c) The Planning Commission constituted a Working Group to examine the entire gamut of issue covering the adolescents. The Working Group brought out a Report which can broadly be regarded as a National Policy Document on Adolescents. The Report of the Working Group has been accepted by the Planning Commission. The Working Group *inter-alia,* recommended that the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports be designated as Nodal Ministry for adolescents and should formulate a Scheme for the development and empowerment of this segment of the population. In pursuance thereof, this Ministry has formulated a "Scheme of Financial Assistance for the Development and Empowerment of Adolescents" to be implemented during the Tenth Five Year Plan. The Scheme is being placed before the Expenditure Finance Committee for approval.

Revenue and expenses of BCCI

2512. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount earned by the BCCI during the last three financial years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the revenue earned is not properly utilised for development of cricket;

(c) the total expenses incurred by the Board on each plan, by way of perks and allowances; and

(d) the payment made by the Board to various Cricket Associations, while conducting international matches?